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SUBJECT: SUB-REGIONAL PAO CONFERENCE

REF: KUWAIT 0945-U

FOLLOWING SENT KUWAIT FOR AMBASSADOR FROM INA CURTISS, REPEATED
FOR YOUR ACTION.

AGREE WITH POINTS MADE IN YOUR TELEGRAM AND THEY WILL BE USED NZEEDLW
P JVWNG AGENDA FOR FIRST AREA-WIDE PAO MEETING TO BE SCHEDULED
AFTER CREATION OF NEW AGENCY. HOWEVER, SUB-REGIONAL MEETINGS,
FOUR OF WHICH ARE SCHEDULED FOR NEA AREA IN MARCH, ARE STOP-GAP
MEASURE DESIGNED TO ENABLE PAOS TO ACCOMPLISH SUCCESSFULLY BEFORE
APRIL 10 DEADLINE NECESSARY ADVANCE PROGRAM PLANNING AND
COORDINATION FOR UPCOMING PROGRAM YEAR WITH MINIMUM DISRUPTION TO
HOST POST AND MINIMUM ABSENCE FROM POST BY PARTICIPATING PAOS.
IN OUR OPTION THIS LIMITED PURPOSE CAN BEST BE ACCOMPLISHED IF
GROUPS ARE SMALL AND CONSIST OF PAOS WITH MOST PROGRAMMING
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CONSIDERATIONS IN COMMON. FURTHER, CAIRO IN PARTICULAR IS HAVING
PROBLEMS WITH HOTEL RESERVATIONS, FACILITATION, ETC., AND THIS
OFFICE IS COMMITTED TO HOLD PARTICIPANTS TO NUMBER STATED.
HOWEVER, ALL PROGRAM PROPOSALS DEVELOPED AT CAIRO MEETING WILL
BE PRESENTED TO PARTICIPANTS IN SUBSEQUENT RABAT AND ABU DHABI
MEETINGS FOR ADOPTION, LOCAL MODIFICATION OR OTHER APPROPRIATE
ACTION. WE ARE REPEATING THIS MESSAGE AS WELL AS USIA 3426-U

AND USIA 3270-U TO USINT BAGHDAD. BAGHDAD OBSERVER WELCOME TO
ATTEND ABU DHABI MEETING IF POST FEELS THIS WOULD BE PRODUCTIVE
DESPITE RESTRICTIVE PROGRAMMING CLIMATE IT FACES. AGAIN BE
ASSURED YOUR VIEWS AS TO OVER-RIDING IMPORTANCE OF EXPLAINING
U.S. INITIATIVES FOR MIDDLE EAST PEACE AND ECONOMIC STABILITY
TO KUWAITIS, AND KUWAIT PRESS AND OTHER REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS
IN PARTICULAR, WILL BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION BOTH AT UPCOMING AND
MINI-MEETINGS AND WHATEVER AREA-WIDE MEETING IS SCHEDULED AFTER
CREATION OF NEW ICA.
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